

Primitive Hall (Joseph Pennock House)  
Northeast side of State Route 841 (Greenlawn-  
Chatham Road), .2 mile southeast of State  
Route 842 (Clonmell-Upland Road), .7 mile  
northwest of State Route 926 (Street Road)  
Clonmell Vicinity (West Marlborough Township)  
Chester County  
Pennsylvania

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Chester	TOWN OR VICINITY Clonmell Vicinity (West Marlborough Township)
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Primitive Hall		HABS NO. PA-167
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Joseph Pennock House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Northeast side of State Rte. 841 (Greenlawn-Chatham Rd.), .2 mi. southeast of State Rte. 842 (Clonmell-Upland Rd.), .7 mi. northwest of State Rte. 926 (Street Road).		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1738	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This is an excellent example of a grand eighteenth century house built in a rural area. It was built by Joseph Pennock.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, four-bay front, two-and-a-half stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Early brick house with pent eaves across gable ends, deep cove cornice (reconstructed), pent roof across three elevations and partially extended to the north elevation (reconstructed), corbeled inside end chimneys, and segmental arches over openings.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Wide central hall plan with fine original interior woodwork.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The pent roofs and cornice are reconstructed. A porch on the south elevation and a one-story ell on the east elevation were added in the early 19th c. and later removed. House restored 1974.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent condition, restored 1974 as a museum and park operated by the Primitive Hall Foundation.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places		
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